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Des visages sur moi se penchent,
Dans la solitude ou tintent les lointains.
Des douceurs de mains blanches
Se posent sur mes mains.

Neige du Souvenir, rosée des sens,
Brume filigranée où murmurent les formes,
Apaisement bleu où s'endorment
Les désirs renaissants,
Entrevus en un soir de bonheur impossible.

Des visages parfois se penchent
Sur mes mains blanches.
Des mains parfois effleurent mon visage.
Toute une foule est dans ma vie,
Comme un mirage.

Je ne sais que cela:
Des visages dont j'ai recueilli la tendresse—
Je ne sais quand, en quel endroit,
Ni pourquoi—
Se penchent sur mon visage;

Et la caresse dont je meurs—
Mes yeux libres de pleurs,
Mon corps blessé comme une cible—
C'est le vain frôlement des regards impossibles.

Jean Catel